



Congratulations to **UND Center for Family Medicine** in Bismarck on achieving the **SILVER** milestone. Their most current work shows a 90.28% three-month rolling relative improvement! Congratulations to **Spirit Lake Health Center** on achieving the **BRONZE** milestone!

Did You Know?

Size Matters!

A [2018 study](#) of polyp size and cancer included 550,811 polyps. The majority (81%) were 1-9 mm in diameter. Only a small percentage of polyps (3.4%) were cancerous. However, cancer rates were highest among the largest polyps.

The percentage of polyps that were cancerous, by size, was as follows:

Polyp size	Percentage cancerous
1–5 mm	0.6%
6–9 mm	2.1%
10 mm+	13.4%

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News

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Bolsters Colorectal Cancer Detection

AI can detect and diagnose colorectal cancer equal to or better than pathologists by examining tissue scans. Read about this [collaborative study](#) by five universities to determine if AI could be a tool to assist pathologists in keeping up with the rising demand for services.

Upcoming Events

Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health | June 8-10 | Grand Forks, ND

If you are planning to attend the [Dakota Conference](#), please join us on Wednesday, June 8, at 3:25 p.m. for the Poster Session in Meeting Room 2. Nikki will have 10 minutes to briefly describe the work of the Screend Program.

Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in North Dakota

Plan

- Develop a 3-year Action Collaborative where cohorts could share barriers and develop solutions on specific issues
- Free-to-learn education for providers
- Epic users access to demographic data tools
- Monthly TACs
- Development of an annual survey and report
- CRC Succession Matrix Social Media Toolkit
- External Evaluation Team: needs semi-annual

Results

11.18% Overall CRC screening rate improvement

2,346 additional patients with up-to-date CRC screening

Our Team

- Judy Beck, MSN, RN, Quality Improvement Specialist
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- Jonathan Gardner, Data Manager
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WEBINAR: Increasing Colon Screening with Stool DNA tests | 06/22/22, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CT

Recognizing the need to try something new, North Memorial created a pilot of 250 patients and worked with a vendor to send them stool DNA tests. Over 70 percent of these tests were successfully completed. Webinar participants will learn how this pilot was designed and implemented and how North Memorial plans to adjust their current screening program based on the pilot results. Click [here](#) to register.

Copper Milestone

- Southwest Healthcare – Bowman

Bronze Milestone

- Standing Rock Service Unit
- Quentin N Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility
- First Care Health Center – Park River
- Towner County Medical Center
- CliniCare – Cavalier
- South Central Health – Wishek, Napoleon, Gackle, Kulm
- Spirit Lake Health Center

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Silver Milestone

- Jacobson Memorial Clinics – Elgin, Richardton, Glen Ullin
- UND Center for Family Medicine - Bismarck

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